

# **USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES IN INSTRUCTION**

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## **Student Use of the Internet and Other Technology Resources**

The District believes that electronic information research skills are fundamental to the preparation of students for higher education, employment, and life. Telecommunications access to electronic information enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. It allows students to exchange information and ideas with people throughout the world.

Technology resources covered by this policy include commercial, governmental, and private telecommunications-accessible networks (such as the Internet), local networks, data bases, and any computer-accessible source of communication or information, whether from or to file servers, hard drives, tapes, compact disks, floppy disks, or other electronic storage or retrieval means.

The District supports access by students to information resources offered by the Internet and other technology resources. At the same time, the District recognizes the potential for abuse by students, exploitation of students, and damage to both the District's computer equipment and records. The Board also recognizes the District's responsibility to provide education in certain basic skills, and that technology resources should be employed in an age-ability, and grade-appropriate manner that may preclude or limit access by some students. The District believes that the benefits to students from access to technology resources exceed the disadvantages, when presented and used in an educationally appropriate manner.

Access to the Internet and other technology resources is privilege offered to students in support of the approved curriculum. Certificated staff shall guide and monitor the time, manner, and content of student access and use. The use of technology resources shall be in support of the educational goals of the District. Access to network services will be provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Anyone who misuses, abuses, or chooses not to follow established guidelines and procedures will be denied access to the District's technology resources and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Student use of technology resources will be permitted upon submission of signed agreement forms by parents or minor students and by the students themselves. The District may log the use of all systems and monitor all system utilization, including student material placed on District equipment. The District, at all times, reserves the right to monitor and review communications and files to maintain the integrity of the system and to be sure that students are using them responsibly. Students should not expect that material stored on District equipment will be private. Accounts may be closed and files may be deleted at any time without notice. The District shall not be responsible for any service interruptions, changes, or consequences. The District does not assume liability for information retrieved via technology resources, nor does it assume liability for information lost, damaged, or unavailable due to technical or other difficulties or loss, cost, expense, or other damage of any type or nature to students, parents, and third parties arising out of student use of technology resources in violation of applicable law and Board policy or regulations.

Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using technology resources. The District will support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

By this policy and any activities permitted under it, the District does not intend to create, nor shall any permitted use of technology resources be construed as creating, an open forum or a limited open forum for any purpose. The District expressly reserves the right at all times and without notice to restrict the content of all material accessed by students through the use of technology resources.

The District, in consultation with parents and staff members, shall develop acceptable-use regulations for use of the Internet and other technology resources. Acceptable-use regulations shall be consistent with applicable federal law, state law, and Board policy.

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JK-Student Discipline

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## TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES USER AGREEMENT

Please read this document carefully. When signed it becomes a binding agreement.

### Terms and Conditions

**Acceptable use.** I will use the technology resources to support personal educational objectives within the educational goals, and objectives of the School District. Inappropriate use may result in cancellation of use of technology resources and/or appropriate disciplinary action.

**Technology resources.** Technology resources covered by this agreement include commercial, governmental, and private telecommunications-accessible networks (such as the Internet), local networks, data bases, and any computer-accessible sources of communication or information, whether from or to file servers, faxes, hard drives, tapes, compact disks, floppy disks, or other electronic storage or retrieval means.

**Services.** The District specifically denies any responsibility for accuracy of information. While the District will make an effort to ensure access to proper materials, the user has the ultimate responsibility for how technology resources are used and bears the risk of reliance on the information obtained.

**Personal responsibility.** I will report any misuse of technology resources to a parent, teacher, or the system administrator, as appropriate.

I will abide by District policies and regulations by using technology resources within the following parameters:

- I agree to:
  - Use technology resources for educational purposes only. I understand that the use of technology resources for religious or partisan political purposes is prohibited by Arizona law and District policy.
  - Abide by all copyright laws
  - Obtain permission from my teacher before sending or receiving e-mail outside the District network.
  - Abide by the District's student-conduct policy.

- Keep my personal computer file folder clean and orderly and erase files that I have downloaded onto District equipment as soon as I am finished using them.
  
- ***I agree not to:***
  - Submit, publish, display, or retrieve any defamatory, abusive, or pornographic, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, adult-oriented, excessively violent, threatening, ethnically or racially offensive, or illegal material.
  - Submit or publish material that is known to be false or inaccurate.
  - Access “chatrooms” using District equipment.
  - Reveal my own or any other student’s or staff member’s full name, school, home address, home phone number, user passwords, or Social Security number on e-mail, the Internet, or on-line bulletin boards.
  - Use technology resources for commercial purposes.
  - Use technology resources to access any account in any bank, credit union, or other financial institution.
  - Use technology resources to place any order for goods or services for any person. *I understand that I will be solely responsible for any expenses incurred by orders for goods or for services in violation of Policy IJNDB and its regulations.*
  - Use technology resources in any way that would disrupt the use of the network by others. This would include vandalizing or trespassing in the data of another user and the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
  - Attempt to harm, modify, or destroy any District or other software or records or to interfere with the security system.
  - Use another person’s password or post anonymous messages.

*I understand and agree that the District may, in its sole discretion, monitor all student e-mail, folders, and material placed on District equipment. I understand and agree that I may have no expectation of privacy while using technology resources made available in any manner by the District.*

**I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE DISTRICT POLICY AND REGULATIONS ON THE APPROPRIATE USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND/OR THE REVOCATION OF MY USE OF INFORMATION SERVICES.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

The student must also have the signature of a parent or guardian who has read and will uphold this agreement.

***Parent or guardian cosigner.*** Please sign indicating either acceptance of the terms of this agreement or refusal to apply.

As the parent or guardian of the above student, I have read this agreement. I understand that it is impossible for the Pendergast School District to restrict access to all inappropriate, offensive, or controversial materials. I will not hold the District or its Governing Board or employees responsible for materials acquired by my son/daughter through the use of technology resources furnished by or through the District. I agree to report any misuse of the information services to a School District administrator. Misuse may come in many forms but can be viewed as any material or messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, student exploitation by other students or third parties, and other issues described in the agreement.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Or**

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this agreement and understand it. I HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO APPLY FOR STUDENT ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AT THIS TIME. I also understand that I may change my mind at any point during the school year and request a new application form.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# **USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES IN INSTRUCTION**

(student use of technology resources)

Acceptable use of technology resources requires that the use of such resources be in accordance with the following guidelines and support the educational goals of the District. Students and parents are required to agree to use technology resources within the guidelines set forth within the acceptable-use agreement.

Site administrators and certificated staff members shall maintain appropriate supervision of students using technology resources at all times. A certificated staff member shall be present whenever students are using technology resources, whether during class time, during recesses, or during authorized before and after school activities. Specific care shall be taken to supervise student use of e-mail, on-line bulletin boards, and other means of communication that may expose students to inappropriate content or exploitation. Students will be advised not to access any “chatroom” using District equipment. Students shall obtain permission from a certificated staff member before sending or receiving e-mail outside of the District network.

Site administrators and certificated staff members shall take reasonable and appropriate measures to deny use of technology resources not authorized in writing by parents in accordance with this regulation.

Each student and parent or guardian will be required to sign a technology resources user agreement before being permitted access to technology resources. When the signed agreement authorizing such use is returned to the school, the student may be permitted use of technology resources through the school equipment. A student who violates provisions of the agreement will be denied access to technology resources and may be subject to other disciplinary action. Violations of this policy shall be reported to the Superintendent. The District may log the use of all systems and monitor all system utilization. Accounts may be closed and files may be deleted at any time. The District is not responsible for any service interruptions, changes, or consequences.